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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 854
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A RESOLUTION to honor The Ladies' Hermitage Association and recognize their estimable efforts in conjunction with Save America's Treasures to complete the First Hermitage Restoration.

WHEREAS, Tennessee has a rich historical legacy, and it is of great importance that the heritage be protected and nourished so that future generations might learn and benefit from it; and

WHEREAS, the good people of The Ladies' Hermitage Association are estimable individuals who have contributed greatly to our state by maintaining The Hermitage, Home of President Andrew Jackson; and

WHEREAS, since 1889, the State of Tennessee has entrusted the stewardship of The Hermitage to The Ladies' Hermitage Association, which is one of the oldest historic preservation organizations in the country; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of its significant preservation work over the past century, the State of Tennessee recently recommended The Hermitage for the 2002 "Trustee Emeritus

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Award for Excellence in the Stewardship of Historic Sites” from the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and

WHEREAS, The Hermitage is a true Tennessee treasure; it served as the home of one of the most influential men in the early history of our state and our nation and was thus the site of countless pivotal moments and occurrences in Tennessee and American history; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes much pride in being home to three extraordinary Presidents of the United States, but only The Hermitage, one of the nation’s oldest and largest Presidential sites, can boast of being the location of two Presidential homes; and

WHEREAS, through the years, The Ladies’ Hermitage Association has done a remarkable job of preserving The Hermitage and its history while ensuring that it is fully accessible so that citizens may visit it and learn its role in shaping America; and

WHEREAS, the Association has joined with Save America’s Treasures for the First Hermitage Restoration, the only National Park Service-funded Save America’s Treasures Official Project in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the remarkable restoration of President Andrew Jackson’s original farmhouse and this prestigious Save America’s Treasures grant are most important to the good citizens of Tennessee; this project has brought considerable media attention from across the country and will continue to do so until its successful completion in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the historical gem that is The Hermitage has long been treasured by Tennesseans; because of the estimable efforts of The Ladies’ Hermitage Association and Save America’s Treasures, generations to come will be able to visit The Hermitage, marvel at its elegance, learn of its story, and walk in the steps of President Jackson; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and recognize the good people of The Ladies’ Hermitage Association for their many years of service to Tennessee in maintaining The Hermitage and

applaud their efforts in conjunction with Save America's Treasures to complete the First Hermitage Restoration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.